

## {In Archive} Re: Great Bay Estuary Proposed Nutrient Criteria Peer Review



Dana Thomas to: Stephen Silva

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Thanks Steve! We will forward any questions on this matter to the Region.

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Great Bay Estuary Proposed Nutrient Criteria Peer Review Subject:

## Hi Dana,

Thank you for supporting the peer review of the Great Bay Estuary nutrient criteria proposal. FYI our transmittal letter to the state with the reviews is attached as a pdf to the last e-mail below.

You and some of your staff are aware that the City of Portsmouth's, attorney Tupper Kinder and their DC Lobbying / Consulting Firm were pressing hard to be made a part of the peer review panel or alternately to have the peer reviewers review their comments. I want to make sure everyone is aware of our position on this matter in case Tupper Kinder or Hall Associates contacts Headquarters directly on this mater. Below is our response to this request:

- Q. Why didn't EPA reopen the peer review to have the Tupper Kinder and Hall Associates Comments reviewed as part of the peer review or have the peer reviewers comment on these comments separately?
- A. The national N-Steps contract is for the purpose of soliciting expert comments from the preeminent experts in the estuarine science field to help states and tribes improve their draft nutrient water quality criteria. It does not duplicate the regulatory process for solicitation, receipt and review of comments which is part of the nutrient criteria adoption and NPDES permit issuance processes.

All comments including the recent comments provided by Tupper Kinder and Hall Associates will be fully considered and responded to by NHDES in the nutrient criteria adoption process and by EPA in reviewing any criteria submitted for approval. Similarly EPA will consider and respond to any comments submitted in the permit issuance process.

As usual any questions on this specific matter should be referred to the Region for response. You or your staff should not hesitate to contact me at 617-918-1561 or Ellen Weitzler at 617-918-1582 if you have any

questions on this or other nutrient criteria development issues. thanks again for your help, Steve

Stephen Silva Hello All, Attached FYI is a copy of the transmitta... 06/30/2010 11:57:30 AM

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Fw: Transmittal of Independent Peer Review of Nutrient Criteria Proposal for Great Bay Estuary Subject:

## Hello All,

Attached FYI is a copy of the transmittal of the independent Nutrient Scientific Technical Exchange Partnership and Support (N-Steps) program peer reviews of NHDES's draft Great Bay nutrient criteria to NHDES.

Steve

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Transmittal of Independent Peer Review of Nutrient Criteria Proposal for Great Bay Estuary Subject:

## Hi Harry,

Attached are the Independent Peer Reviews of the Nutrient Criteria Proposal for Great Bay Estuary. We appreciate the excellent work of NHDES in developing the proposed criteria and look forward to working with you and your staff through the criteria adoption and approval process. thank you, Steve

[attachment "EPA to DES Transmittal of Peer Review 6-29-2010.pdf" deleted by Dana Thomas/DC/USEPA/US]

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